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COUNTRY <u>East Germany</u>	REPORT
TOPIC <u>Military Activities in Krampnitz and at the Satzkorn Railroad Station</u>	
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1. On 17 April 1955, shipments from Lychen, which were unloaded at the Satzkorn railroad station, included:

1230. Two T-34 tanks, 2 T-34 tanks without armament, 6 x 122-mm field howitzers, 2 x 57-mm AT guns, 19 armored personnel carriers, 1 repair shop truck, 4 field kitchens, 28 trucks, 1 bus, 1 jeep, 1 sedan:

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1800. Two 85-mm AT guns, 2 x 57-mm AT guns, 2 x 120-mm mortars, 19 armored personnel carriers, 25 trucks, 2 tank trucks, 2 field kitchens, 3 repair shop trucks, 1 sedan, 1 motorcycle

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2. The following loadings were observed:

19 April. Seven T-34/85 tanks and an escorting detail of 2 officers and 8 soldiers, [] for Frankfurt/Oder;
8 T-34/85 tanks and an escorting detail of 3 officers and 10 soldiers, [] for Bad Freienwalde.

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20 April. Nine T-34/85 tanks and an escorting detail of 1 officer and 10 soldiers, [] for Bernau.

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21 April. Six T-34/85 tanks and an escorting detail of 2 officers and 8 soldiers, [] for Eberswalde.²

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3. At about noon on 20 April, a train carrying 6 AA guns of about 100 mm, 6 AA guns of about 85 mm, 6 generators, some 30 trucks, 2 boxcarloads of ammunition and 11 boxcarloads of personnel passed through the Satzkorn railroad station. The train came from the direction of Jueterbog and proceeded toward Oranienburg.³

4. Between 11 and 20 April, the Kavallerie Schule (2161) in Krampnitz was occupied to capacity by approximately 12,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery, signal and motor transport insignia.

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5. During the last days of observation, units of about company strength conducted loading exercises at the Satzkorn railroad station. The units

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returned to the installation after a few hours.

6. On several days of observation, approximately 12 T-34/85 tanks and up to 12 T-54 tanks were seen at driving practice in the training area northwest of the installation.
7. At about 2100 on 17 April, some 70 three-axle armored personnel carriers and about 45 trucks with personnel entered the installation from the direction of Satz Korn. It could not be determined whether the column had been unloaded at the Satz Korn railroad station or not.⁴ On 19 April 10 T-34/85 tanks with beams and tarpaulins left the installation toward the Satz Korn railroad station.²

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1. Comment.

The composition of the shipment ~~indicates~~ definitely that units of the 10th Gds Tank Div, which went from Satz Korn to Lychen at the Templin training grounds on 9 April, returned on this train. According to its composition, the shipment is identical with the train which went from Satz Korn to Lychen on 10 April. The train also carried units of the 10th Gds Tank Div which returned from the Templin training grounds.

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2. Comment. The trains carried surplus T-34/85 tanks which were turned in by the 10th Gds Tank Div upon arrival of T-54 tanks. In connection with this exchange program, the 6th Gds Mecz Div presumably also received T-34/85 tanks after previous shipments had been dispatched to the 7th Gds Mecz Div and the 207th Mtz Rifle Div. Available information indicates that the 10th Gds Tank Div received approximately 160 T-54 tanks and turned in some 110 T-34/85 tanks.

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3. Comment. The shipment cannot be explained.

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4. Comment. Except for the tank exchange program, the information indicates no major changes in the Kavallerie Schule in Krampnitz. The motor vehicle numbers of the radio trucks are believed to belong to the 10th Gds Tank Div. The numbers of the supply trucks mentioned under a) belong to the 10th Gds Tank Div, those under b) to the Fourth Gds Mecz Army, those under c) to GSFG, under d) to the air force and under e) to the 6th Arty Div.

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